

THE FALCON FLYER

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<http://floralstreet.blogspot.com>



Dear Floral Street School Families,

Mrs. McCubrey wrote last week in this space about the MCAS tests and how well prepared our students are. We're about halfway through this current testing window, with fourth grade still having two days of reading to go, and her words from last week are proving true! While we won't know for quite a while how they performed on the *content* of the tests, we can judge the **focus, confidence, and stamina** that they have brought to the testing situation – and they have passed with flying colors!

While MCAS tests can bring about some anxiety in individuals and for the school as a whole, we are much more excited than anything else – excited to watch our students show what they know and walk tall at the end of the day knowing that they tried their very best. Those sorts of habits, more than the answer to any reading comprehension question, are what will set the stage for long-term success! Thank you, again and always, for your continued support – and good luck to our fourth-grade friends this week!

As the trimester comes to a close, we've had a few parents ask questions about student reading levels and how they can best support their young readers at home – we'll make that the topic of our next blog post in just a couple of days, along with an update on our *soji* fundraiser for Japanese relief efforts!

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PTO Notes:

Literacy Night is just around the corner!

Our Literacy Night event is scheduled for Friday, April 8th, starting at 5:30 pm. Book donations for the "Book Swap" are still being accepted. Please look for the marked boxes in the lobby to drop off your donated books. Any questions please email Maureen Harrington at harringtonjm@verizon.net. Thank you, and see you on April 8th!

April Showers Calendars

Our **April Showers Calendars** drawing starts this Friday, April 1st. Please make sure to get your ticket stubs in to be eligible to win cash prizes!! Each ticket has 30 chances to win money prizes with the **Grand Prize of \$400.00**. Winners will be announced on our Floral Street School Website and checks will be mailed during the first week of May. Kindly make checks payable to Floral Street School PTO. Any ticket stubs received after the start will be added that day. Extra tickets are available in the main office. The student who sells the most tickets will receive a Floral Street School Sweatshirt!! For questions please feel free to contact Patti Wolohan at wolohan5@townisp.com. *Thank you for your support!*

Last Call ~ Worcester Sharks Tickets

Floral Street School has teamed up with the **Worcester Sharks** and is happy to be part of **Shrewsbury Night** on **Saturday, April 2nd**. The Sharks will be playing the Providence Bruins. Game time is 7:00 pm at the DCU Center, Worcester. The Sharks will donate a portion of the proceeds directly to Floral Street School. Come and show your Shrewsbury and Floral Street School Spirit!!! Ticket cost is \$13.00. All order forms and checks made payable to Floral Street School PTO have to be returned **tomorrow, March 29th**. Final numbers need to be given to the Sharks on Tuesday afternoon. Tickets will sent home in your child's backpack on **Thursday, March 31st**. For questions please feel free to contact Patti Wolohan at wolohan5@townisp.com. *Go Sharks!!*

Other News:

Lost and Found

On April 1, 2011, all items in the Lost and Found will be donated to a local charity. There are many gloves, hats, mittens, coats, sweatshirts, shirts and lunchboxes. Please have your child look for anything they may have misplaced.

Shrewsbury Music Association

The SSMA is the volunteer group that supports the Shrewsbury Schools Music and Theater Department activities at all grade levels, to help them maintain their standing as one of the best programs in the state. This is a volunteer group that staffs a wide variety of music and theater activities as well as run fundraisers. Without volunteers, many of the music and theater activities would not be the success they have come to be. Please consider assisting in whatever way you feel you can. Visit the links below and help maintain the excellence.

About SSMA (Shrewsbury Schools Music Association):

www.tinyurl.com/musicassociation

Volunteer Signup:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/12902754427916.pdf>

Girl Scout Troop 30143 Toiletries Drive

Girl Scout Troop 30143 continues their Toiletries Drive to support St. Anne's Food Pantry. Please drop off donations of toiletries to the drop off boxes located in the Floral Street School lobby, Spring Street School lobby, or the Shrewsbury Public Library now through Friday, April 1st. Suggested donations include: facial tissues, bathroom tissue, paper towels, napkins, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, bath soap, and laundry detergent. The troop thanks you in advance for your support!

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/departments/division.php?fDD=20-17>

Important Dates:

April 8th
April 18th – 22nd
May 24, 25, 26
June 8th

Literacy Night
No School – Patriots Day & Spring Vacation
Fourth Grade Chorus Concerts
Incoming Grade 5 Student & Parent Open House @ SMS

MCAS Dates:

March 29 th & 30 th	ELA – 4 th Grade
May 10 th & 11 th	Math – 3 rd Grade
May 17 th & 18 th	Math – 4 th Grade

The full district school calendar is available at:

http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1276871197_585906.pdf